GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:338
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ENCROACHMENT IN AIRPORT AREAS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is encroachment on land belonging to airports in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these encroachment in airport areas pose danger during landing or taking off of planes;

(d) if so, the steps being taken to remove these encroachments, particularly in Rajasthan; and

(e) the success achieved by the Government so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) of Lok Sabha () Starred Question No.338 for 06.9.2007 regarding Encroachment in Airport Areas.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details in respect of Airports Authority of India (AAI) airports and restructured airports are as under: Land encroached (in acres) Mumbai- 276, Juhu- 29 and Nagpur-13 in Maharashtra; Satna-150, Bhopal-30 in Madhya Pradesh; Hyderabad- 97, Rajamundhary- 8, Tirupati- 0.3 and Visakhapatnam- 0.2 in Andhra Pradesh; Amritsar- 8 3 in Punjab; Kolkata- 75.7 in West Bengal; Kota- 35.32 in Rajasthan; Ahmedabad- 20, Rajkot- 1 in Gujarat; Ranchi- 9 in Jharkhand; Gaya- 5 in Bihar; Lucknow- 1.7 in Uttar Pradesh; Port Blair- 1.5 in Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Union Territory); Safdarjung- 1.5 in Delhi and Belgaum- 1 in Karnataka.

(c) Standard operating procedures safeguard the flight path of landing and take-off of aircraft at all the airports. However, the encroachments are a potential source of attraction for birds which cause some operational risk to aircraft. They also cause security concern at the airports.

(d) & (e) AAI regularly takes up issues of removal of encroachments with State Governments. However, no encroachment has been removed from the airport at Kota in Rajasthan.